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Summary  
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1. (SBU) In their primitive jungle camps and at a medical clinic they established in Kuala Lumpur, Burmese Chin refugees recently described to  
Chin Refugees Struggling in Jungle Camps  
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2. (SBU) Together with two Burmese Chin refugees acting as guides and interpreters on November 15, poloff visited two jungle camps housing about  
Living in Fear of Extortion, Raids and Deportation  
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3. (SBU) The first camp we visited was only 500 meters from a paved road. It is well-known to local police. During discussions with four men I  
Hard Work for Uncertain Payment  
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4. (SBU) The refugees said they are paid about RM25 (\$6.75) for a full day's work on the plantations, but that the work is sporadic and their  
Frustration With the UNHCR  
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5. (SBU) Following a 30 minute hike, we arrived at a second, much more remote camp. This camp was situated in a ravine and accessible only through

6. (U) They all hoped for resettlement into a third country as soon as possible. They wished to leave the jungle, and they described conditions  
Chin Medical Care on Ad Hoc Basis  
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7. (U) On November 9, poloff visited a refugee medical clinic organized by the Alliance of Chin Refugees (ACR), one of the two largest entities  
Comment  
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8. (SBU) The ARC and CRC have performed admirably in their attempts to organize and care for their own people, but institutional funding is needed  
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